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FOURTH STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION PROGRAM'S ADVANCED MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT

The National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), Office of Research and Development (ORD), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina 27711, and Battelle, Columbus, Ohio, are partners in an Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) pilot for Advanced Monitoring Systems (AMS). The goal of ETV is to verify the performance characteristics of commercially ready environmental technologies so potential purchasers and permittees are provided with an independent and credible assessment of the technology they are buying or permitting. The AMS pilot is focused on verifying air, water, and soil monitoring technologies. Battelle has established stakeholder committees for air and water monitoring technologies. A stakeholder committee for soil monitoring technologies will be formed at a later date. The air and water stakeholder committees are comprised of 25-30 representatives from federal, state, and local environmental and regulatory agencies; trade and professional associations; business and investment companies; and other organizations. The role of the stakeholders is to provide input from various perspectives on implementing the verification process through the duration of the AMS pilot.

The fourth meetings of the two committees will be held at the following times and places: Air Stakeholder Committee, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 23 and 8:00 a.m. to noon on September 24, 1999. Location: Sea Crest Resort and Conference Center, 350 Quaker Rd., North Falmouth, MA 02556, 800-225-3110. For additional meeting information, contact: Gretchen Hund, Battelle; phone 206-528-3338; fax 206-528-3552; e-mail hund@battelle.org. Water Stakeholder Committee, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 20, and 8:00 a.m. to noon on October 21, 1999. Location: Marriott San Diego Hotel & Marina, 333 W. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101, 800-228-9290. For additional meeting information, contact: Todd Peterson, Battelle; phone 206-528-3274; fax 206-528-3552; e-mail peterts@battelle.org. Committee members will receive an update on the AMS pilot's first verification test reports, the verification tests underway and planned during the next three months, discuss additional technology categories for future verification tests, and review possible participation at upcoming conferences ETV will be attending in 2000. The meetings are open to the public but space is limited.

To register or for additional information about the stakeholder meetings, contact Ms. Hund or Mr. Peterson at the numbers listed above. For general information about the AMS pilot, contact Ms. Helen Latham, 505 King Ave., Columbus, OH 43201; phone 614-424-4062; fax 614-424-5601; or e-mail lathamh@battelle.org.